



Military Health System **Health Care Reengineering:**

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Title of Initiative: WHAT'S NEXT FOR DEFENSE MEDICAL LOGISTICS STANDARD SUPPORT (DMLSS)? A WORLDSIDE, INTERNET-BASED MEDICAL SUPPLY TRADING EXCHANGE

Type of Initiative: MHS-wide

Implementation Site(s): TRICARE Management Activity

Implementation Location(s): Falls Church, VA

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DESCRIPTION OF INITIATIVE

The Defense Medical Logistics Standard Support (DMLSS) automated information system (AIS) is being developed and deployed to enhance healthcare delivery in peacetime and promote wartime readiness and sustainability. DMLSS provides automation support for reengineered medical logistics business practices and delivers a comprehensive range of materiel, equipment and facilities system tools.

The DMLSS AIS implements a tri-Service suite of systems/applications that standardize medical logistics among the Services, reduce the time that providers and health care professionals spend on logistics activities, and improve the effectiveness and efficiency of health care delivery. DMLSS has achieved significant savings by implementing Just-in-Time practices and Prime Vendor support concepts and eliminating the need to maintain large inventories of pharmaceutical and medical/surgical items at the wholesale level and at military treatment facilities. By providing price comparison tools and electronic commerce capabilities, DMLSS has enabled treatment facilities to select and order the best value item that meets their requirements. DMLSS provides automated capabilities where none existed and streamlines other logistics management and financial practices.

Results of Initiative:

The DMLSS Program provides medical supply support with response times measured in hours, not days or weeks. Leading-edge e-commerce solutions have transformed the distribution of medical supplies to both peacetime hospitals and deploying forces. Medical supplies are delivered faster and more reliably and are also substantially less expensive. Automated tools and

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comprehensive databases integrated with the best commercial purchasing practices have driven down the cost of medical supplies for all of Department of Defense (DoD).

DMLSS will replace the multitude of aging legacy logistics systems with one standard DoD Medical Logistics System.

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